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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

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Agency Information Collection Activities:

Proposed collection; comments requested:

Identification of Explosive Materials

ACTION: 60-Day Notice.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for “sixty days” until [insert the date 60 days from the date this notice is published in the Federal Register]. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Anita Scheddel, Explosives Industry Programs Branch at eipb-informationcollection@atf.gov.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the

proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Summary of Information Collection:

- (1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (2) Title of the Form/Collection: Identification of Explosive Materials.

- (3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form Number: None. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
- (4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: None.

Need for Collection:

The regulations of 27 CFR 555.109 require that manufacturers of explosive materials place marks of identification on the materials manufactured. Marking of explosives enables law enforcement entities to more effectively trace explosives from the manufacturer through the distribution chain to the end purchaser. This process is used as a tool in criminal enforcement activities.

- (5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 2,184 respondents will respond to this information collection. Estimated time for a respondent to respond is none. Manufacturers are required to place markings on explosives, therefore, the burden hours are considered usual and customary. 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2) states, there is no burden when the collection of information is usual and customary.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:

The estimated annual total burden hours associated with this collection is 1 hour.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer,
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